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Soldier killed in friendly fire mishap in Lebanon

A GIVATI Brigade soldier was killed and another seriously wounded when they were mistakenly fired upon by members of their own unit in the security zone yesterday morning.

The tragic accident, which the Northern Command is investigating, claimed the life of St-Sgt. Valery Ganzman, 22, of Upper Nazareth.

The wounded soldier, Avishai Shafir, of Moshav Shaked, suffered serious injuries to his chest and limbs, apparently caused by shrapnel as well as bullets.

They were both evacuated by helicopter to Nahariya Government Hospital, where Ganzman was pronounced dead on arrival.

Hospital deputy director Dr. Moshe Daniel said Shafir immediately underwent surgery and was later transferred to the intensive care unit, where he was kept on a respirator.

Daniel said Shafir's family was at his bedside and, although he could not talk, he was able to communicate by writing notes.

"His condition remains serious but stable, and we are all hoping for the best," Daniel said.

The incident happened when the unit was returning to base from an overnight operation.

OC Northern Command Major-Gen. Amiram Levine told reporters the unit had been on an

arduous mission.

"In the morning, after a prolonged operational activity by a squad from the brigade's anti-tank unit, the force was returning to its base," Levine said. "The squad was moving through difficult terrain with thick vegetation. The commander became suspicious that there was a terrorist gang in the area, and he prepared an ambush."

The small squad split into two, with the commander apparently leading the advance party and Ganzman taking charge of the rear section.

"For reasons not yet clear to us, there was a loss of contact between the rear force and the advance force," Levine said. "At the end, one or two soldiers from the advance force spotted silhouettes behind them and opened fire. After only a few bullets, they realized that it was their own force and stopped firing. Unfortunately, they had hit the rear section of their own force."

He said that the two sections of the squad were less than 20 meters from each other when the firing broke out.

Levine said that the initial inquiry revealed the squad had prepared thoroughly for its mission and had been comprehensively briefed for all eventualities, including the possibility of being split up and losing contact.

"Nevertheless, they lost touch. I can't say now exactly what caused the lost contact and what happened in the minutes from that point to the point when the [advance] force opened fire," he said, adding this would all be investigated in the inquiry, which is likely to last several days.

"We can't save Valery now. What's left is to investigate [the incident] thoroughly and understand and learn all the lessons in order to provide the best chance that incidents like this won't happen in the future, or at least [minimize them]," Levine said.

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St-Sgt. Valery Ganzman

Netanyahu: Syrian missile test poses no new threat
EVELYN GORDON

SYRIA'S tests of long-range Scud-C missiles do not constitute a new threat, since Damascus has had these missiles for a long time, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

"There's no basic change in the strategic capabilities of Syria," Netanyahu told reporters after the meeting, reiterating what he had told the committee earlier. "Syria has been arming itself with Scud missiles for quite some time. What it's doing now is moving from purchase to manufacture ... However, they are the same Scuds, with the same capabilities, so there is no new strategic factor in the security equation between Syria and Israel."

Netanyahu told the committee he is still waiting for Syria's response to his proposal that the talks be resumed.

"I hope the talks will be renewed," he said, according to an official briefing. "But the Syrians want a commitment from us that we will adopt hypothetical positions relayed to them by the previous government. We are committed only to signed agreements."

Netanyahu said his "Lebanon First" proposal is necessitated by the escalation in Lebanon in recent years. "However, Syria is apparently not interested. It wants to wage an indirect war via the Hizbullah," he said.

Regarding Hebron, Netanyahu told the committee he would not redeploy until the Palestinian Authority shuts down all its institutions in Jerusalem, "including the sports department in Orient House."

"There are two other offices in the eastern part of the city which Arafat himself promised to close, but didn't," he said. "Until these are closed, there will be no progress - including on the issue of Hebron."

"We will continue to hold serious discussions [on Hebron]," he added. "But at the same time, we will examine [the Palestinians'] willingness to honor agreements. We have a very long list of violations ... On the issue of reciprocity, there are many holes on the Palestinian side."

Netanyahu rejected charges by opposition MKs that the real problem in Hebron is not security but the political views of some coalition members.

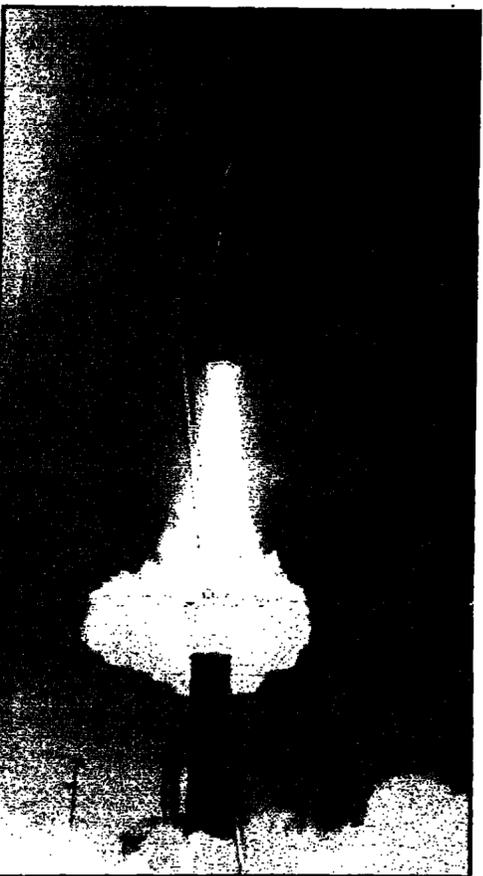
"I wish it were only that," he told reporters. "Of course there are sensitivities in the cabinet. But the problem of security, the life of the Jewish community in Hebron ... to dismiss all that as merely coalition politics is nonsensical."

Ultimately, he said, he would like to see the military government in Hebron replaced by an "Israeli-Palestinian" entity, with certain matters remaining in our hands.

At the end of the meeting, Netanyahu launched a blistering attack on opposition leader Shimon Peres.

"When I was opposition leader, I never thought for a minute that it was possible for me to conduct diplomatic negotiations with anyone," he said. "This interference by the opposition in the negotiations causes the other side to harden its positions, and can sabotage the negotiations."

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The Arrow 2 missile blasts off from the launch site at Palmachim yesterday. The missile, developed by Israel and the US, successfully intercepted a Scud-type missile within 60 seconds.

Arrow intercepts target

Hits incoming missile at first attempt

THE joint US-Israeli Arrow 2 missile, in its first attempt at interception, was test-fired yesterday off the Mediterranean coast and destroyed a Scud-type target missile, officials said.

"It was a successful test," said Moshe Keret, director-general of Israel Aircraft Industries, the main contractor of the Arrow. "The target was destroyed."

Defense Ministry officials said the test began at 3:16 p.m. with the firing of a target missile from a ship in the Mediterranean. About four minutes later, the Arrow was launched from an air force base south of Tel Aviv.

Officials said the launch proceeded as planned. Within a minute, the Arrow 2 tracked down the target missile and caught up to it. The officials said the Arrow warhead was detonated and the target missile was hit.

"We saw on the screen two match-like blips, and the Arrow met up with the target missile and all the telemetry data stopped," an Arrow project source said. "The Israelis and the Americans were stunned. This meant that the Arrow had struck the target missile rather than merely coming close to it and exploding."

Israeli and US scientists and officials dealing with the Arrow project worked for several hours in analyzing the test and, as expected, did not immediately confirm the interception. They were studying the performance of the Arrow, particularly the circumstances of the destruction of the target missile.

By yesterday evening, some three hours after the test, the US Ballistic Missile Defense Organization released an announcement that confirmed the success of the launch. US officials confirmed that the target missile was struck by the Arrow.

"Metal hit metal," said Pam Rogers, a BMDO spokeswoman said from the command headquarters in Huntsville, Alabama.

Defense Minister Yitzhak

Mordechai praised the test. "The successful advancement in the series of tests of the Arrow system, which is being developed in cooperation between Israel and the US, gives the defense establishment the acquisition of unique and modern technology that places Israel in the global forefront of technological know-how," he said.

This was the third test of the Arrow 2 and the first in which an interception was attempted. On June 12, 1994, the experimental Arrow 1 missile intercepted a target missile but, because of a failure to operate its warhead, failed to destroy it.

Officials said the Arrow 2 system's radar, called Green Pine and developed by IAI subsidiary Elta Electronic Industries, successfully tracked down the target missile.

Yet another radar system is being developed for the Arrow and is expected to be completed within the next few months.

Officials said yesterday's launch was the first of four tests in which the Arrow will seek to intercept a target missile. Among the aims of the launch was to test the Arrow's sensors and ground support equipment.

The launch was decided on by defense and military officials at 6 a.m. But preparations for the test were postponed until 11 because clouds covered the launch site. But by 2, the clouds left and the countdown to launch resumed.

Future tests will envision other scenarios of an enemy missile attack against Israel, including changes in altitude.

The latest test was supervised by a team of US scientists from the Ballistic Missile Defense Program, including the new head of the US Arrow project, Joseph Butler. The US is financing 72 percent of the \$322 million allotted for the current stage of the Arrow.

Officials said the interception moves Israel closer to its plans to employ the first battery of an anti-missile defense system by the end of the decade. The system will

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US manager of Arrow stunned by success

JOE Butler spent 10 years as manager of the Erint PAC-3 program, which was aimed at destroying short-range enemy ballistic missiles.

Then he transferred to manage the US Arrow program, and yesterday he saw a dream test of the Arrow 2 missile.

"What I saw were two little black objects on the screen go 'pow' and a puff of smoke," Butler said, recalling watching the Arrow interception of the target missile on infra-red radar.

"It was a fantastic intercept," he added. "It is the first program that I can remember that had a successful intercept on the first try."

Butler said that by the end of today, he and his team of US and Israeli scientists will know for certain, but he is already convinced that the Arrow actually hit the target missile rather than merely passing near it and detonating its warhead.

"We knew that the Arrow warhead was activated and that fragments hit the target," he said. "But I also saw a smack. The warhead was activated and after that a puff of smoke. It was too quick to be anything else but a smack."

Butler said future launches of Arrow 2 will test the missile's intercept capabilities with different targets and altitudes. He said if the next launch, which could be as early as November, is successful, the joint US-Israeli team might move into focusing efforts on developing the entire Arrow anti-missile defense system, rather than merely testing the missile itself.

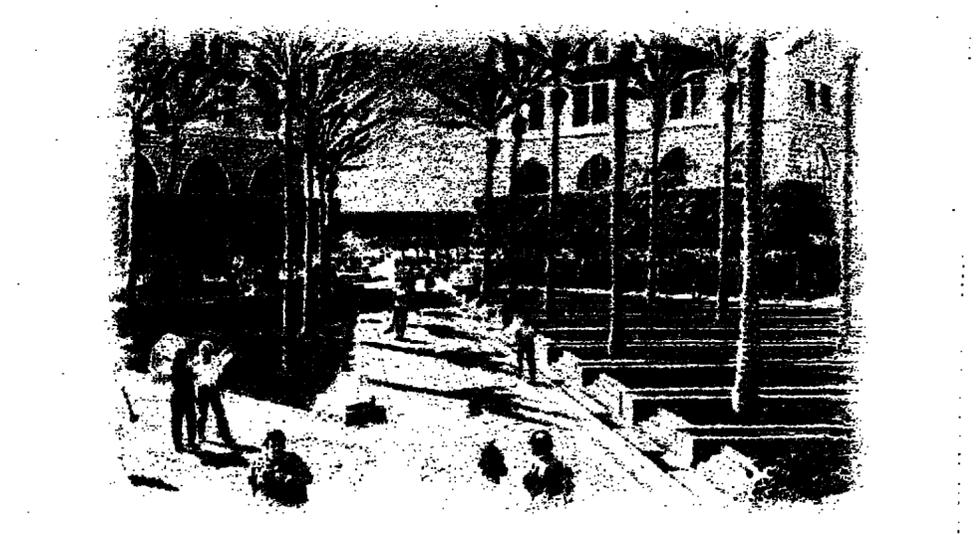
"Given one more success, we can concentrate on the entire system," Butler said. "I don't think there's that much left to prove [on the capability of the Arrow 2]."

Butler said US anti-missile defense programs will have access to all the data from the Arrow tests. He said he hopes that US contractors and Pentagon officials will save time and money by determining how to avoid the pitfalls found in the Arrow program.

"I look at the Arrow program as a microcosm compared to the American system," Butler said, "because the deployment in the US will be so much larger. We have been supplying to the US, as a matter of record, all the data on the Arrow."

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Ganzman had 1 week to serve

DAVID RUDGE

ST.-SGT. Valery Ganzman, who immigrated to Israel from Belarus five years ago with his parents, had been due to finish his army service in a week's time.

He is survived by his parents and an elder brother, who is studying in Belarus.

Friends of the family said Ganzman had been the driving force behind his family's immigration to Israel and he had long aspired to serve in the IDF.

He was an exemplary student, who had been accepted to the Technion, but deferred his studies in order to complete his army service.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine noted Ganzman could have served in a different unit, but had chosen to enter the ranks of the Givati Brigade.

"I feel it is my duty to convey my condolences to his family and to wish the wounded soldier Avishai [Shafir] a complete and speedy recovery," Levine said.

Friendly fire has killed 7 since '92

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

FRIENDLY fire has killed seven soldiers - including St.-Sgt. Valery Ganzman who was killed yesterday - and wounded several others in south Lebanon since late 1992. They were:

November 5, 1995 - St.-Sgt. Yevgeny Geleman is shot while deploying for an ambush with his paratrooper unit.

July 3, 1994 - A paratrooper patrol shoots and wounds its Beduin guide by mistake while operating along the northern border.

March 23, 1994 - Three soldiers are wounded by a shell fired at them by an IDF tank.

May 24, 1993 - Four paratroopers are killed in the worst incident of friendly fire since Israel set up the security zone in 1985. After a night-long ambush, a paratrooper unit heads back to base. The unit splits and in the bushy terrain the squads mistake each other for terrorists and open fire. Lt. Asher Azran is killed outright. In the ensuing firefight, St.-Sgt. Dvir Mar-Haim, Sgt. Ya'acov Gabai and Sgt. Ehud Halamish are killed. Three others are wounded.

December 12, 1992 - While on patrol, a soldier fears a terrorist is following his squad. He turns and shoots, killing Sgt. Haim Bar-Natan. This incident brought about a revision of regulations for opening fire while on operational duty.

A paranoid soldier with real enemies

COMMENT
ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IT'S dark. It's the bushy scrub land of south Lebanon. And if you are an Israeli soldier hunting or being hunted by Hizbullah gunmen, you're caught in a double bind: You are paranoid with a real enemy.

This is the formula for "misdirected fire," the IDF euphemism for shooting your own troops.

It appears that the mistake which tragically took the life of St.-Sgt. Valery Ganzman and seriously wounded another soldier occurred after the force had completed its mission and was returning, tired, from a night-long operation. These were trained soldiers from an elite anti-tank company of the Givati Brigade. The commander is reportedly level-headed and experienced.

Yet the incident mirrors last June's ambush in which Hizbullah gunmen attacked a squad, also returning from a night patrol. The soldiers were bunched together and five were killed and 11 wounded.

It's almost as if IDF troops in south Lebanon are in a no-win sit-

uation. When they walk too close to each other, a Hizbullah gunman pumps over 150 rounds from a PK heavy machine gun into the group. When they patrol too far apart, their comrades turn their guns on them with deadly accuracy.

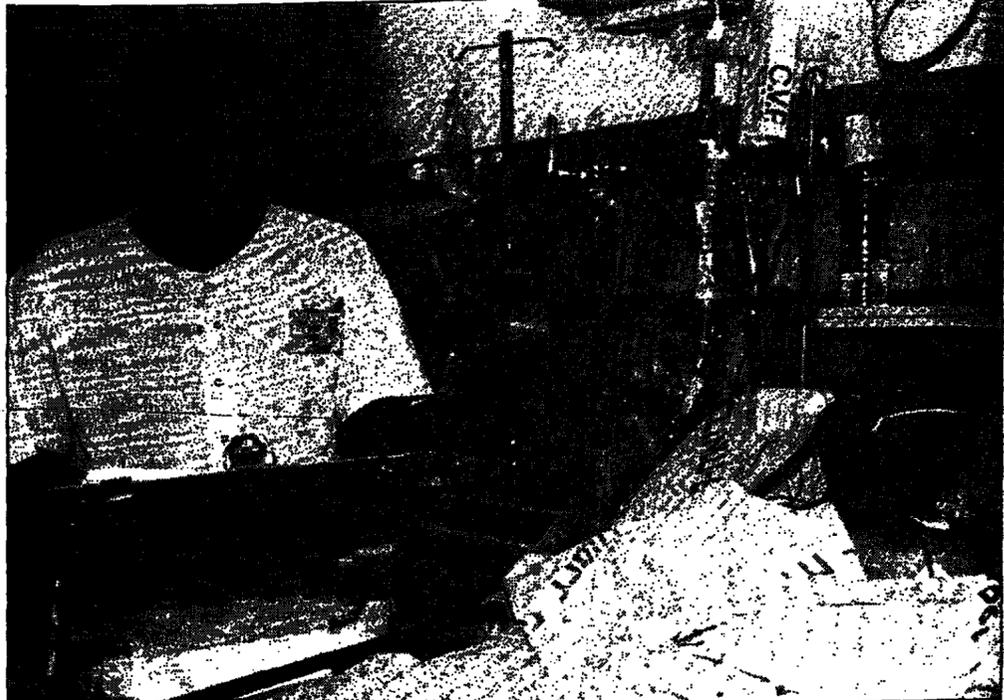
There are a number of reasons troops in south Lebanon are particularly edgy and quick on the trigger. Hizbullah announced it would launch a wave of suicide attacks in the zone to coincide with the Lebanese elections. When Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu visited south Lebanon on Monday, he warned Hizbullah that its raids would only escalate tensions. He has reportedly ordered the army to be more aggressive in fighting Hizbullah terrorists, and warned of "painful" retaliation in the event of new attacks.

But does the blame fall on the unit or the general fatigue of serving in Lebanon? There is a manual of fighting based on the accumulated experience from the 11-

year war in the security zone. There are certain procedures to be used when one force loses contact with another. Soldiers are trained to keep the nearest member of the platoon in sight.

"Forces heading into the field need to know the location of the neighboring force. Every soldier needs to know exactly who is to his right and who is to his left as long as the operation is under control and planned," said Brig.-Gen. (res.) Rafi Noy, former adjutant of the Northern Command. "But sometimes the operation turns into an unplanned scenario and that is more complicated. The instructions for pulling the trigger are much more strict, since it is always better to let a terrorist escape than to harm your comrade."

In the past few years, there have been more than 20 instances in which IDF soldiers were wounded by friendly fire, both in operational activity and in training. Still, military observers say the incidents have not caused the IDF to change its tactics. But the price may now bring about a change.



Avishai Shafir recovers at Nahariya Government Hospital, where he was operated on after being wounded in a friendly fire incident in Lebanon yesterday morning. (Avishai Shafir/Israel Sun)

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Reports from Lebanon said that around the time of the incident, IDF gunners fired two shells which hit Zibkin village.

According to the reports, there were no casualties, although two homes in the village were damaged, one badly. Hizbullah, in a statement issued on its radio station, said the shelling was a flagrant violation of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

"I don't want to go into any more details," Levine said when asked whether the reported shelling was connected to the friendly fire incident. "This incident, as has been said, was a breakdown within our own force and this is how it should be viewed."

The commander of the Givati squad was responsible and experienced, Levine added.

"His calculations up until the moment of the incident were good and reasonable. We have not, however, completed inquiries into those minutes of the incident itself," he said.

Labor blasts PM's attack on Peres

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

LABOR yesterday blasted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's attack on party leader Shimon Peres, calling it "impudence" and "an attempt to conceal a personal failure."

Peres himself advised Netanyahu to get a longer memory and better manners, noting that the previous government did not prevent Netanyahu from meeting Jordan's leaders. Peres claimed that Netanyahu had also sent the Syrians a message urging them to wait until after the elections before signing an agreement with the Labor government.

"Enough with demagoguery and slogans," Peres said. "It's time the prime minister starts practicing responsibility in his remarks."

LABOR secretary-general Nissim Zvilli sharply criticized Netanyahu, "who has a short and selective

memory and is trying to forget and conceal the fact that until 60 days ago he served as an incessant fear-monger against any move of the Rabin-Peres governments towards peace in the region."

Zvilli noted that Netanyahu is "simply afraid of anything which smacks of peace. We'll continue to encourage meetings between individuals and groups of Palestinians and Israelis to break the barrier of hostility. This is our responsibility as the party which received half the people's votes."

In another development, Peres's statement in favor of a national unity government on condition that it advance the peace cause is arousing strong opposition in Labor.

MK Uzi Baram said Labor's "hand stretching towards a national unity government may bring it to political bankruptcy."

UN coordinator: PA near financial collapse

JON IMMANUEL

THERE could be a financial crisis within weeks followed by "the financial collapse of the Palestine Authority" if the economic problems exacerbated by the closure are not immediately resolved, Terje Larsen, the UN Special Coordinator with the PA, said yesterday.

Mohammed Shteyeh, of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), said the Palestinian economy was "worse than at any time since 1967."

The two men, speaking at a news conference in El-Bireh to launch a UN-World Bank paper on PA development, painted a gloomy picture of the first half of 1996. Larsen attributed the problems to "the draconian closure" after the suicide bombings almost six months ago.

Unemployment is 51% in Gaza and 40% in the West Bank, according to PECDAR figures. Larsen warned that, if the situation does not improve, "there may be massive layoffs" in the public sector.

Per capita income has dropped from \$1,800 to \$800 a year in the West Bank and from \$1,200 to \$700 a year in Gaza, in three years. Gross domestic product has declined by 25% since 1993 and investment has dropped from 30% of this amount to seven percent this year.

Only a triangular partnership between Israel, the PA and the donors can save the situation, they said. The PA has a budget deficit of \$127 million and each batch of 10,000 workers would mean \$20 million in income for the PA, Larsen said.

But it is not enough to "ease" the closure. It must be lifted, and the foreign workers must have their contracts terminated, said Shteyeh.

According to the World Bank, at least 60,000 Palestinians need to work in Israel to prevent a further drop in the gross domestic product.

Israel has now brought the number of permits offered to 40,000 but Larsen pointed out that not all those who obtain permits will find jobs.

Erekat to head steering c'ttee

SAEB Erekat, the local government minister in the Palestinian Authority, has been appointed head of the Steering Committee for talks with Israel, the daily Al-Ayyam quoted him as saying. His Israeli counterpart is Dan Shomron. Erekat, 41, a political scientist who lives in Jericho, organized the PA election campaign in January and replaced Ahmed Qreia, who was elected speaker of the Palestinian Council.

The need to avoid unintended escalation

COMMENT
DAVID MAKOVSKY

IT seems evident that there has been an unintended escalation in the war of words between Israel and Syria.

While Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday counseled caution and said there were no new strategic developments regarding Syria, they certainly helped escalate the temperature during the last few weeks. They both have made statements suggesting that Israel may hit Syrian installations in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley if Israel is attacked.

Clearly, Netanyahu and Mordechai intended their comments to be of a deterrent nature, yet Syria is interpreting them as being of offensive intent, and has been quietly moving forces closer to the Golan in the last few days.

It is not surprising that public statements are much harder to calibrate than those passed privately,

and that they take on a life of their own. The state-controlled Syrian media are certainly seeking to counter every statement by Israel by issuing their own hyperbole.

"There is no doubt that Israel, after killing the peace process, will try to set off new wars in the region and exert pressures on Arabs who have rejected its plans," Al-Ba'ath said yesterday.

It is not only important to lower the public tone on both sides, it is also important to distinguish fact from speculation and to know what is new from what is old, but being recycled for scare-headlines.

No more than Syria can charge that yesterday's test of the Arrow-2 was a way to ratchet up the heat can Israel charge the same about a

Syrian Scud-C test several weeks ago.

Prof. Ze'ev Maoz, head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, says that in the absence of a peace process, the prospects for war increase. He also notes that the Yom Kippur War demonstrates that Arab leaders sometimes start wars due to a political calculus rather than a military calculation of the balance of power, which remains in Israel's favor.

Interestingly, Dore Gold, Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, agrees. However, he insists that the peace process with Syria is very much alive, despite Damascus's public statements.

A credible peace process is important, and so is the avoidance of a war of words which can tragically have unintended consequences.

New justice minister to be named soon

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu plans to appoint a substitute justice minister soon, he told a delegation from United Torah Judaism which met with him yesterday afternoon.

The UTJ politicians came away with the impression that the appointee will be religious and that Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, of the National Religious Party, has the best chance.

Netanyahu stressed that the appointment will be temporary, as he believes that Ya'acov Ne'eman, who recently resigned from the post, will soon be back. He said as soon as a new man is in the job, demands presented by UTJ, including Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan, archeological digs, and labor laws affecting employment on Shabbat.

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"I suggest that [Peres] stop his campaign of intimidation," he added.

Netanyahu did not specify the particular acts of Peres to which he was referring. "I view the attempts by members of the opposition... to intervene among Arab parties in the delicate negotiations which are now being conducted... as very grave," he told reporters. "There can only be one government."

Netanyahu also denied that his upcoming meeting with Peres had anything to do with forming a national unity government. The prime minister always briefs the opposition leader periodically, and that is the purpose of this meeting, he told reporters. "But anyone who accepts our platform principles is a candidate to join the government," he added. "Nothing has changed on that score."

Netanyahu also discussed the riots in Jordan with the committee, saying Israel is partly to blame for the disappointment of Jordanians' economic expectations, because most of the bureaucratic obstacles to joint economic projects have been coming from the Israeli side. He added that he is looking into ways of easing these stumbling blocks.

Among other measures, he said, an experiment in letting Jordanians work here has been started, with 100-200 commuting each day. Consulates will be opened in Ellat and Akaba to ease the visa problem, he added, and Israel will increase its desalination of water. More people will

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include radar that will provide both early warning of enemy missiles and the ability to track them during flight.

This phase will cost about \$500 million, with Israel picking up 60 percent of the cost. US officials are using the findings of the Arrow project in their anti-missile defense systems, such as the THAAD and PAC-3.

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New postal head nominated

JUDY SIEGEL

MOSHE Tery, who has had a respected career in banking and private industry, was nominated yesterday as director-general of the Postal Authority, replacing Ran Levin, who resigned recently after two years in the post.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who announced she would nominate Tery for approval by the Postal Authority council and the government, said she was pleased he agreed to leave the private sector to take the job.

Born in Rehovot 46 years ago, married with three children, Tery has a BA in economics and political science and an MA in economics and business administration. He currently serves as managing director of the Central Securities Company and previously served in numerous financial positions at Bank Discount.

He sits on the boards of a number of companies and organizations, including Israel Chemicals, Laromne Hotels, the Airports Authority and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.



Jordanian Ambassador Omar Rifai meets with Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday morning.

(Yitzhak Eshar/Scoop 80)

Arabs to get preferred gov't mortgages

DAVID HARRIS

DEPUTY Housing Minister Meir Porush yesterday instructed officials to allow increased mortgages for Arabs, initially in five northern settlements.

This is the first time Arab and Druze communities have been placed on the formal preferential areas list, according to the ministry. For too long Israeli Arabs have been subjected to discrimination, Porush said.

"This goes to show we're even-handed," one Ministry source said. "People said yesterday's [Monday] announcement [of housing for 70,000 Jews along the Green Line] showed our intentions, well today we've proven otherwise."

The help, which will amount to tens of millions of shekels, will be offered first to residents of Nazareth, Taiba, and Yafia, together with the predominantly Druze villages of Maghar and Hurfeish.

In the three Arab towns an additional NIS 50,000 will be avail-

able to those who qualify for help in Hurfeish, which is on the confrontation line, that figure rises to NIS 80,000; and in Maghar, which is a national preference area, NIS 60,000 will be loaned. In all instances 4.5 percent interest will be charged, compared to the current bank rate of 6.5%.

The extra help means, for example, a young couple without children, wanting to purchase a property in one of the above Arab towns will receive an extra NIS 75,000, rising to upward of NIS 130,000 for a family with children.

At the same time, citizens in Kiryat Shmona will become entitled to an additional NIS 100,000, and NIS 50,000 will go to people in Beersheba, Beit Shemesh, Migdal Ha'emek, Acre, and Afula.

Likewise, people wanting to buy properties in a variety of other settlements and development areas will receive an extra NIS 50,000 mortgage allowance.

Technion team finds physical basis for mental retardation

JUDY SIEGEL

THE mechanism that causes the most common form of inherited mental retardation, Fragile X Syndrome, has been uncovered by a team from the Haifa Technion's Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, it was announced yesterday.

"We have identified the probable physical basis to the clinical defect," said Prof. Michael Fry, of the medical faculty's biochemistry unit.

Fragile X Syndrome affects one in 1,500 males and one in 2,500 females. This makes it one of the most prevalent human genetic diseases in the world. Its symptoms include mental impairment, such as learning disabilities, mental retardation, attention-deficit disorder, and hyperactivity. People suffering from the syndrome also experience anxiety, unstable moods, and autistic-like behavior.

Among the physical characteristics that go with the syndrome are a long face, large ears, flat feet, hyperextensible joints (especially fingers), and larger-than-normal testicles.

"We have always had a special interest in unusual conformations of DNA, and while investigating this field, we came across abnormal DNA structures forming within the gene that becomes defective

in patients afflicted with Fragile X Syndrome," said Fry.

For their work, the Technion has awarded its prestigious Taub Prize to Fry and his colleagues Yotvat Nadel, Livnat Uliel, Dr. Prina Weisman-Shomer, and a collaborator from the University of Washington, Dr. Lawrence Loeb.

Five years ago, researchers first identified the mutation that "turns off" the FMR1 gene in people suffering from the syndrome, preventing it from producing a vital protein. While the location of the defect and its effects were known, why it turned off the FMR1 gene remained a mystery.

The Technion team found that when a piece of DNA situated within the gene mutates to become longer, it can take the shape of an unusual four-stranded DNA instead of the normal two strands - or it may fold back into a hairpin structure instead of remaining straight.

Fry said that when the piece of DNA expands, specific DNA binding proteins are no longer able to stabilize its excessive length and it thus folds back, thus explaining the name "fragile."

The structure can obstruct the normal replication of the gene and cause the disorder.

Lack of Border Control resources allows foreigners to slip in illegally

EVELYN GORDON

COMPUTER problems are at the root of Israel's inability to control the entry of illegal foreign workers, Batya Carmon, head of the Interior Ministry's visa department, told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

Carmon said many illegal entrants use forged or stolen passports and visas.

There are hundreds of thousands of known forged documents floating around the world, she said, and they are listed in databases.

However, the Border Control's computers do not have enough memory to store this information. Therefore, people who enter Israel never have their documents checked against the list of known forgeries and thefts.

Carmon's deputy, Nissim Eliassaf, complained that the police are not cooperating in trying to improve the system. Furthermore, he said, Border Control inspectors do not function on a high professional level and their motivation is low.

Asst.-Cmdr. Eli Ya'ari, the police commander at Ben-Gurion

Airport, acknowledged that there are several problems with the inspectors. He blamed this partly on the past few years' rapid growth in the volume of traffic through the airport, which currently totals some seven million entrances and exits a year.

While efforts have been made to improve both the level of manpower and computerization, the police have not received enough of a budget to do the job properly, he said.

Carmon stressed, however, that this would be a worthwhile investment, since it is much easier to keep people from entering the country illegally than it is to locate and expel them afterwards.

Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) said he would summon the finance, interior and internal affairs ministers to the next meeting on the subject, and would also write to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu about the issue.

The weakness of the responsible authorities have displayed in dealing with this matter is shocking, he said, as is the fact that there is not one body with overall responsibility for Border Control.

Ethiopians consider High Court petition over Navon panel

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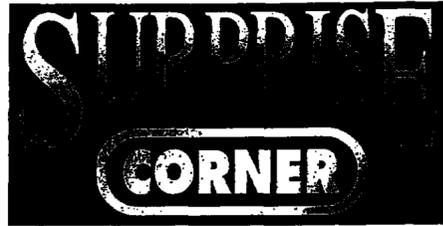
THE Ethiopian community is considering filing a petition with the High Court of Justice over the findings of the Navon Commission, which probed the Ethiopian blood affair.

The community, emphasized MK Adisu Massala (Labor) yesterday, was never informed that blood its members donated was discarded out of fear of HIV contamination. The commission did not recommend that anyone from the medical community, including Amnon Ben-David, director of the Magen David Adom blood bank, be held accountable.

"The commission's findings were purely medical, and had no social meaning for us," Massala said at a conference of the Ethiopian community. "If there was a real risk, the medical authorities should have told us. But they treated us with disdain and did not deal with the social consequences for the community. We have serious enough problems as it is, and the commission's findings have only made our absorption even harder."

Both Massala and Natmiar Hillel, who represented the community on the commission, described their "distress, insult, and deep pain" at the blood donation incident, and at the "categorical classification of the Ethiopians as a high-risk group."

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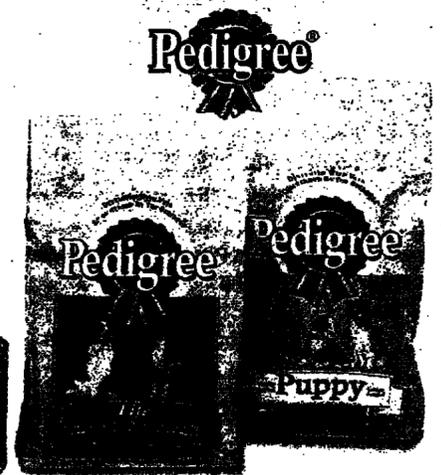
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S. Korean police raid ends bloody campus protests

HURLING tear gas and swinging batons, thousands of police stormed a campus stronghold of militant students yesterday, crashing through flaming barricades and ending nine days of bloody protest over South Korea's unification policies.

They smashed through a bonfire of wooden desks and chairs engulfing the main entrance of a teaching block and flushed out about 1,000 mostly female students after a pitched battle.

Hours later, a further 2,000 or so terrified students holed up in a nearby science block took advantage of the melee and fled into alleys and hills surrounding the Yonsei University campus where they were hunted down.

They had earlier threatened to explode gas canisters and dangerous chemicals seized from laboratories. Police caught up with and arrested about 1,400 of them, Yonhap TV reported.

Police began screening those detained to determine whether to bring formal charges against them. Those who fled or were cap-

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tured were the last of some 7,000 students who began the confrontation with police on Aug. 12, when they gathered at the university for an outlawed rally branded by the government as pro-North Korean.

In all 3,225 students were arrested, bringing the total held in a week of pro-Pyongyang agitation at Yonsei to around 5,500.

Dozens of students were injured in the assault by denim-clad riot police trained in martial arts. Many had blood streaming from head wounds as they were dragged off.

One police officer was in serious condition with head injuries and a South Korean news photographer was in critical condition in hospital after being struck on the head by a rock, said Yonhap TV, quoting police officials.

Within two hours of the dawn raid, riot police had taken control of the Yonsei University building and hauled away the students.

Most of the youngsters were exhausted after withstanding four days of siege with little sleep, food or water.

The raid came hours after students had rejected a government appeal for surrender in exchange for leniency.

As dawn broke, 5,000 riot police, aided by 13 helicopters raining down tear gas solution, moved in. Students fought back by throwing firebombs and rocks and setting fire to broken desks and chairs piled up as barricades.

KBS TV showed the charred ground floor of one building and columns of flame and smoke rising from its rooftop, where masked students were hurling rocks and furniture at police.

The students were finally forced to file out, hands over their bent heads. Those who balked were beaten by police.

When police moved into the six-story science building it was almost empty, with only several dozen injured students lying on the concrete floor.



A scuba diver shines a light on the bust of Lenin while visiting the underwater museum of monuments to great communist leaders of the former Soviet Union. The museum, situated at the Ukrainian Black Sea resort of Cape Tarkhankut on the Crimean peninsula, was created by amateur scuba divers in 1992. Entry to the museum is free. (AP)

Missing Belgian girls may have been sold to brothels

BRUSSELS (AP) - Police yesterday said they were looking beyond Belgium's borders for two teen-age girls kidnapped by a convicted child rapist who had buried the bodies of two other victims in a garden.

"We're asking people from all over the world to help us to work on this cruel affair," Justice Minister Stefan De Clerck said.

Police held out hope the teens were still alive and may have been sold to brothels in eastern Europe.

Their confessed kidnapper, Marc Dutroux, led authorities to the bodies of two little girls over the weekend.

Authorities yesterday ruled there was enough evidence to continue detaining Jean-Michel Nihoul, one of four people arrested in connection with the death of the two children and the abduction of four others in an alleged child pornography ring. Nihoul, a Brussels real estate agent, said his only contact with Dutroux involved Dutroux' properties and the repair of his car.

Investigators also searched 15 houses of friends or acquaintances throughout Belgium yesterday, media reported.

The missing teen-agers, aged 17 and 19, were kidnapped in the summer of 1995 when they returned from a night out on the Belgian coast.

Belgian media said authorities were pursuing a tip that the girls were sold into prostitution in the Czech Republic, after spending some time in the house where Dutroux kept other kidnapped girls in southern Belgium.

Last week police rescued two sexually abused girls, 12 and 14, from a secret cellar in Dutroux' shabby home. One had disappeared in May, the other in August.

Dutroux led police to the bodies of two children who he said starved to death while he was serving a jail term for an unrelated theft in December. The two 8-year-olds, kidnapped in June 1995 while playing on a bridge, were found buried alongside the remains of an accomplice he confessed to killing.

Lebed: Who really wrote Yeltsin's decree?

BORIS Yeltsin's new security chief plunged Moscow politics into chaos yesterday, challenging the authenticity of presidential decrees on the Chechnya crisis and raising speculation on whether Yeltsin was still running Russia.

Aides to the 65-year-old president, seen only once in public since he was re-elected seven weeks ago, insisted he was not ill but he remained out of sight.

His spokesman denied a new report he was being treated for a serious heart condition and said he had left Moscow for a short holiday.

Tough-talking ex-general Alexander Lebed, just two months in his job as Security Council secretary and already at loggerheads with some Kremlin insiders, issued a statement saying Yeltsin's latest decrees on Chechnya bore only a facsimile signature and seemed to have been prepared without his participation.

A decree ordering Lebed to restore Russian control of Grozny, which was seized by separatist rebels on August 6, was the cue for the army to prepare a massive bombardment of the Chechen capital and would wreck Lebed's peacemaking efforts, the Security Council statement said.

Lebed, whom Yeltsin named his personal

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representative to Chechnya last week, would make his third trip in 10 days to the region today, Itar-Tass news agency said.

Yeltsin started a two-day break in the picturesque lakeland of Valdai in northwestern Russia yesterday, the presidential press service said.

Spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin would consider a longer holiday in Valdai but dismissed as "complete rubbish" a report by Ekho Moskvy radio that the president had been in a specialist cardiological center since August 15.

Journalists at Ekho Moskvy said they stuck by their story, which said Yeltsin, who had two heart attacks last year, had been diagnosed as having moderately serious heart trouble.

"In the coming hours the question of carrying out a surgical operation may be decided," the radio said.

Yastrzhembsky had denied a Time magazine report that the Kremlin was considering trans-

ferring Yeltsin to a Swiss clinic for a bypass operation.

He said the president and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who would deputize for Yeltsin if he were incapable of working, were continuing to work on formation of the new government, most of which was announced last week.

There was no immediate response to Lebed's charges.

"The contents of the documents give solid grounds to doubt that the president of Russia took a direct part in finalizing the text of the order," the Security Council statement said.

The decree, it added, had given the army commander in the region his cue to announce he would launch an all-out air and artillery bombardment of the city from tomorrow morning, having given tens of thousands of citizens 48 hours to flee.

Terrified civilians flooded out of Grozny yesterday.

"The whole city is on its way out," said Nina Madayeva, who said 12 planes had bombed Grozny's southwestern district overnight. "We've been in a basement for 14 or 15 days and couldn't stand it any more." (Reuters)

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Gingrich: US must act first against terrorists

DULUTH, Ga. - House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich said yesterday the United States should be ready to carry out military strikes against nations suspected of plotting attacks against American targets.

Calling for what he termed a "doctrine of pre-emption," Gingrich said in a speech to business leaders that potential terrorists should be given 24 hours to prove their innocence or face retaliation.

"He said attacks on terrorist cells could be carried out covertly by the Central Intelligence Agency or overtly by military means in the style of Israel's 1981 attack on an Iraqi nuclear power plant."

Gingrich also said the US should take steps to protect cities with a missile defense system and beef up intelligence aimed at exposing terrorist groups.

"We don't wait around until after they take out the World Trade towers, with nuclear weapons next time. We go ahead and say: We have a reason to believe you're not behaving correctly. You should convince us in the next 24 hours that we're wrong or we will take you out," he said.

"We should be very aggressive in saying to Libya, Syria, Iran and Sudan that we will not tolerate your supporting terrorists." (Agencies)

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Pan Africans admit whites were targets

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - South Africa's radical black Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) acknowledged yesterday that its guerrillas had targeted white civilians but said it made no apologies.

PAC leader Clarence Makwetu told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, headed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, that the PAC regretted the August 1993 killing of American student Amy Biehl in Gugulethu black township outside Cape Town by youths allied to the organization.

Biehl was stabbed and stoned to death by a mob that attacked her car when she was dropping off friends in the township at the time of a teachers' strike.

"This act occurred in the context of a strike for recognition by the South African Democratic Teachers' Union," Makwetu said.

"To support the strike, an operation was launched to stop deliveries from towns into the townships. Although the PAC was not involved, the Pan Africanist Student Organization (PASO) acted in solidarity with their teachers. They wrongly targeted

and killed Amy Biehl," he said. "We expressed our regret and condolences to Amy Biehl's family in a letter to the US ambassador."

"We restate this position yet again through the truth commission. But misguided as the deed was, we support the amnesty applications of all those convicted and sentenced for the offence."

Four PAC men were jailed for 18 years each for killing Biehl, 26, from Newport Beach, Ca.

Discussing the activities of the PAC's armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA), Makwetu said "a new pattern arose in the 1990s where civilians within the white community were attacked".

"The actual targets were decided by local commanders. Local operatives often made errors APLA had earlier avoided."

Makwetu described the killing of civilians as "departures which we as political leaders who declared war must and do take responsibility for". But he added: "We make no apologies. We have nothing to hide."

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Lebanese electoral opposition takes it on the chin

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BEIRUT

LEBANON'S Christian opposition reeled this week from an election drubbing that dashed their hopes of taking parliament by storm.

The opposition, attempting a revival after years in the wilderness since the 1975-90 civil war, barely knew what hit them on Sunday when the pro-Syrian government rolled out a powerful electoral machine that won 32 of the 35 seats contested in overwhelmingly Christian Mount Lebanon.

Opposition candidates and independent observers accused the government of committing the worst election abuses in decades in the first of five rounds of voting for the 128-member house.

They demanded the resignation of Interior Minister Michel al-Murr, who organized the vote and easily won a seat, but it was not clear if they would also ask Lebanon's new constitutional court to cancel the result and order a new vote.

Ghassan Tuani, a former government minister and UN ambassador, expressed the bitterness of moderate Christians in an editorial in his respected conservative newspaper *an-Nahar*.

He called the election a "wicked mockery" of vote-rigging, mental terrorism, intimidation and night-time violence.

"How could a rotten government lead an honest electoral battle, when it knows it is fighting for its survival," *an-Nahar* asked.

The outcome was a crushing blow for opposition politicians who had broken ranks with hardline Christian leaders urging a repeat of a 1992 election boycott on the grounds that there was no hope of a free and fair vote.

Rejecting boycott calls, the opposition hopefuls argued that it was time to get back into parliament and try to stop the whittling away of Lebanese sovereignty by a government backed by 35,000 Syrian troops stationed in the country.

But they only succeeded in breaking the Christian boycott front - a development welcomed by the government - without bringing over enough voters to win

many seats in parliament. The government, which sees opponents of its close ties with Syria as troublemakers, was ready for the charge.

"The opposition thought perhaps they could invade parliament this time," said a Beirut analyst who asked not to be identified.

"But the government was very well prepared. It used a lot of influence and pressure to prevent the opposition getting into parliament," he said.

The strong seven-day

THE bread riots in Jordan came as no surprise. Many factors have led Jordan to a degree of instability, and these are well known to the Amman government and its security branches. When the riots erupted, the kingdom was well prepared to cope with them.

But there was an interesting point to notice - the main unrest was among Jordanians proper, in Karak and other southern towns. The extensive Palestinian population this time stayed calm.

This is worth mentioning because it was a repeat of 1978 when the southern towns also erupted in "food riots" similar to those of recent days. The large Palestinian population again declined to challenge the crown,

even those in the poor refugee camps. Palestinians live mostly in Amman and the 1978 riots did not spread to the capital. This week's trouble in Amman was limited to the poor Jufah district - again mostly "Jordanian" and not "Palestinian." Neither did refugee camps join the disturbances.

It all means firstly that basic loyalty to the Hashemite monarchy is strong enough to withstand some periods of instability. It would not be correct to say that Palestinians in Jordan feel perfectly at home, but they fare better and feel better than they do in most other Arab countries. They even have nothing to envy their West Bank brethren for. This possibly surprising tacit support of Palestinians for the crown is an

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addition to the undoubted loyalty of most native Jordanians to King Hussein.

It is mainly the Jordanian government, and in particular Prime Minister Abdul-Karim al-Kabarti, that came under fire seriously for the first time since he assumed the post eight months ago.

It was on the Jordanian government the public had pinned their hopes for the "peace dividend" from the treaty with Israel, seen mainly as an accelerator for economic prosperity. But nothing has materialized - not from the big plans for canals in the Aravah, or new highways, or ultra-modern telecommunications spurring a

business boom and an imporing of foreign investment.

King Hussein took the common Middle Eastern ruler's course of blaming "foreign parties" - basically Iraq - for instigating the riots. It is easy for him now to blame the international pariah Saddam Hussein, but the blame clearly lies inside Jordan.

It is also true there are radical Palestinians and others with the potential to divert a situation like the current one to a worse one. On the street, with a bent towards rioting, can be found pro-Syrian leftist parties, and the radical wing of the Moslem Brothers. At the Cairo Arab summit, King Hussein even accused Syria of inciting violent subversion inside Jordan. But he did not repeat the charge this

time because, since the summit, he has improved his relations with Damascus.

It does not mean that Syria is beyond exploiting the economic difficulties of its southern neighbor and old rival if there was a chance of destabilizing Jordan internally.

What it does mean, is that progress in the peace process may become crucial to the Hashemite monarchy. Progress for the Palestinians in the territories would enable Jordanian Palestinians to support the regime more openly. There are plenty of radical Palestinians only waiting for the right moment to team up with other forces who would be delighted to divert "bread riots" to something far worse.

Palestinians lie low in Jordan riots



Street of the town of Karak on Monday. The town stayed quiet that day as rioters over doubled bread prices. (Reuters)

US tracks terror funds

WEALTHY individuals in Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf countries are involved in financing terrorists who attack Americans and Israelis, US government sources said this week.

US intelligence agencies are checking the activities of Osama Bin Laden, a member of a wealthy Saudi family who was stripped of his Saudi citizenship in 1994 and who finances a host of hard-line groups from Egypt to Algeria. Bin Laden has lived in Sudan for the past five years.

Officials in several countries, including the US, say Bin Laden's money, as well as money he has raised, paid for terrorist attacks in Europe, Africa and the Middle East against Americans and other Westerners.

Khaled al-Fauwaz, a spokesman for the Advice and Reformation Committee in London, with which Bin Laden is associated, dismissed the charges as "rubbish."

But in a document made public earlier this year, the US State Department called Bin Laden "one of the most significant financial sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world."

It linked him to terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and Sudan and said he supported a group that tried to bomb American servicemen in Yemen in 1992.

The Saudi militants who killed five Americans in November in a Riyadh bombing said in their confessions that they had been influenced by Bin Laden's thinking.

Former and current US officials were quoted by *The New York Times* as saying they believe businessmen in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates fed funds to Ramzi Ahmed Yousef. Yousef is accused of being the mastermind behind the World Trade Center bombing in New York in 1993 and a plot to blow up 11 US jets.

The US State Department document said in the three years before Yousef was charged in the World Trade Center bombing, he lived in a Pakistan guest house paid for by Bin Laden.

Philip Wilcox, head of the State Department's counter-terrorism office, told Congress recently that the Palestinian fundamentalist groups Hamas and Islamic Holy War receive significant support from individuals in the Gulf as well as in the US.

Some contributors believe that they are underwriting legitimate charitable organizations. Others give money to radical groups knowingly, through secret channels, Wilcox said.

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started returning home, a US Embassy spokesman said this week. "The repatriation of families of Defense Department personnel has begun," said the official at the US Embassy in Riyadh, the Saudi capital. "The move began recently," he said on condition he not be identified further.

Most of the 800 dependents of Defense Department employees in Saudi Arabia will be repatriated, said the official.

Apparently for security reasons, the embassy has been secretive about the move, which was not publicly announced. The official would not say when the repatriation started, or from where it is taking place.

The dependents have been ordered home for security reasons, and also because about 4,000 US troops are expected to be moved from facilities in Riyadh and Dhahran, eastern Saudi Arabia, to a military air base in Al-Kharj, 50 miles south of Riyadh.

The base is still under construction and has no living facilities for dependents. The soldiers are expected to be housed in tents until dormitories are built.

In addition, the US State Department said last month that

families of American government employees could return home if they wished at Washington's expense.

Those dependents do not have to leave. Saudi Arabia's King Fahd considers the American presence necessary to protect the kingdom from its main rivals, Iran and Iraq. However, some ordinary Saudis oppose any Western military presence in the kingdom.

Saudi Arabia beheaded four Saudi men in May after they confessed to carrying out the Riyadh bombing. They said their action was inspired by militant Moslem groups active elsewhere in the Arab world. In televised confessions, the four said they had been planning more attacks against Americans. There has been no official word of any arrests in connection to the June attack in Dhahran.

US officials were not given access to the four before they were executed. Washington wants to make sure that does not happen again. Another London-based Saudi opposition group, the Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights, said last week that two Kuwaiti and two Lebanese suspects were arrested in Kuwait and handed over to Saudi authorities.

However, Kuwait has not announced any arrests or extraditions in connection with the June bombing.

2 Germans smuggling nerv

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GERMAN authorities said this week they have arrested two men and were hunting a third on suspicion of smuggling hi-tech equipment to Libya to enable it to manufacture lethal nerve gas. Moenchengladbach prosecutor Ralf Moellmann identified the arrested businessmen only as Udo B, aged 47, and Detlef C, 54. He named the third suspect as Berge Balanian, 62, and said Balanian was also believed to have tried to smuggle similar equipment to Libya in the 1980s.

Suedwestfunk television reported that two German firms bought and shipped several complex automation systems between November 1991 and July 1993, that can mix poison gases for chemical weapons.

It said the alleged two-year smuggling operation was big enough to allow Libya to operate, with ease, a much bigger chemical plant than the one at Rabta damaged by fire in 1990.

Moellmann said the suspects, arrested on August 9, were believed to have organized the shipment of advanced production equipment worth around DM3.2 million (NIS 7 million) to Tripoli via Belgian companies owned by Lebanese-born Balanian. He added

Lu southeast of Tripoli, and Defense Secretary William Perry has raised the prospect of using military action to keep it from operating.

Moellmann, however, was unable to say if there were any indications that the equipment had actually been taken to Tarhuna.

Germany plugged loopholes in its laws on the export of equipment capable of being used for weapons manufacture, after German companies helped Libya to build the Rabta plant in 1988 and enabled Iraq to extend the range of Scud missiles used in the 1991 Gulf War. Juergen Hippenstiel-Imhausen, head of the Imhausen Chemie company which organized the Libya deal, was jailed for five years in 1990.

Prosecutors in March charged a Stuttgart businessman suspected of helping Libya develop chemical weapons with violating arms-export laws.

could not be independently confirmed.

Saad al-Fagih, head of the opposition movement, said in a telephone interview from London that the suspects were being held in a prison in Jubail, a port city northwest of Khobar, where the US military housing complex was bombed seven weeks ago.

Fagih cited unidentified Saudi security and Interior Ministry sources as saying that most of the suspects were from the Khobar suburb of Thugha.

In Saudi Arabia, the US Embassy and Saudi officials both refused to comment on the claim.

Fagih said most of the suspects had been trained in Afghanistan, where Moslem militants fought with Afghan rebels as part of a 10-year battle that eventually drove out Soviet troops in 1989. Many of the so-called "Arab Afghans" have since returned to their native coun-

accounts for the majority of the kingdom's 11 million citizens.

The United States has about 5,000 military personnel in Saudi Arabia. Their main mission is to monitor the no-fly zone established in southern Iraq following the 1991 Gulf War.

Altogether some 40,000 Americans (including the 5,000 military) live and work in the kingdom. Security for them has become a top priority after the two bombings which claimed 24 American lives.

Nineteen American servicemen were killed and scores wounded in a June 25 bomb attack against a US military housing complex in Dhahran. Five Americans and two Indians were killed in a Nov. 13 car bomb attack which targeted a US-run military building in Riyadh.

After the two deadly attacks in less than a year, the families of the American military personnel have

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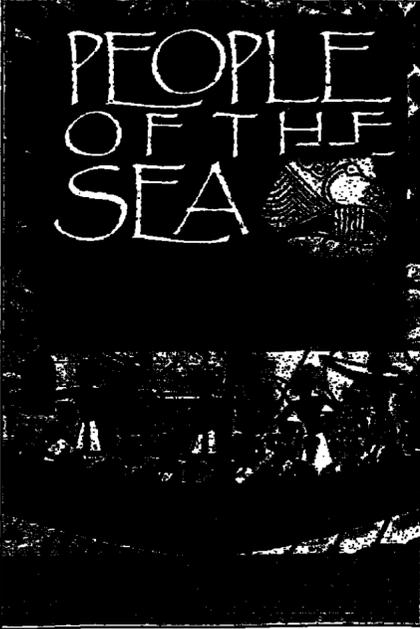
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Arrow hits the target

THE timing of the Arrow 2's test yesterday was as successful as the operational result itself. A week ago, Chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak unnecessarily alarmed the country's northern residents when he said that according to unconfirmed information at the army's disposal Hizbullah now has Katyusha rockets capable of striking Acre and Karniel. Two days ago, it was revealed, and perhaps not by coincidence, that Syria had tested a Scud C missile, whose 600 kilometer range puts all of Israel inside its strike arc.

So, news that the Arrow 2 intercepted its airborne target is, as Moshe Keret, director-general of the Israel Aircraft Industries, said yesterday "a big success." This not only refers to the Arrow project but also to calming the nerves of a home front that was shown to be only too fragile during the Gulf War.

Indeed, fears of a future war seem to have been mounting this week. Professor Ze'ev Maoz, head of the Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, warned in article published in *Ha'aretz* on Sunday that Syria might start a war, regardless of the cost to Damascus, if President Assad felt that Israel's new government would not agree to a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Sensibly, the government has been quick to act to dampen such speculation. As Dr. Dore Gold, the prime minister's foreign policy advisor, told *The Jerusalem Post*, the Netanyahu government has been careful not to put Assad in a corner which might leave him no other option but a military one. Gold also clarified that the government has not closed the door to negotiations on the Golan even if Syria continues to reject the "Lebanon First" approach. Defense sources meanwhile impressed on military correspondents yesterday that Israel is not seeking any heightening of tension with Damascus - indeed it is determined to advance the peace process with Syria.

Peace, however, can only be negotiated from a position of strength. This was proved by the American experience during the Cold War when New York theoretically was in the firing line of Soviet missiles. Just as the American public refused to panic, knowing that the balance of terror was well to their advantage, neither should Israelis falter in their steadfastness, regardless of any new reports of Syrian military or Hizbullah rocketry. Any peace agreement which could be reached only under the threat of Katyusha or Scud missiles would carry too high a price for Israel to pay.



Justice not mercy

HERSHEL SHANKS

THE powerful political forces in the US opposed to clemency for Jonathan Pollard - the Defense Department, the intelligence services, the Justice Department - have always made this route problematic, as seasoned observers will know. This is despite the hundreds of letters from Jewish organizations, synagogues, community councils and individuals that have descended on the president.

There is another route, however, which just might work: justice rather than mercy. Pollard claims the government violated the agreement by which he was induced to plead guilty rather than go to trial. In exchange for his willingness to plead guilty - instead of the government's having to try him, probably divulge security information; and perhaps lose the case - the government agreed not to seek a life sentence.

He has a good case. If he is right, his plea agreement would be vitiated and he would be entitled to a trial, something the government would probably not do because it would require the government to release an enormous amount of information it wants to keep secret. Belatedly, Pollard instituted a suit making this claim, but the court said Pollard could only have made this argument in the original criminal suit against him (and it was too late to do that), rather than in the new suit he brought. Nevertheless, the court's opinion indicated the government acted at least lazily and perhaps in violation of the plea agreement.

PRESIDENT CLINTON sits on an uncomfortable hot seat with respect to this case. The easiest thing for him would be to avoid a decision. He could do this by bucking the question to a respected non-partisan team of three judges to decide. The question would simply be, did the government violate the plea agreement, as Pollard claims. By doing this, the president would only be forgiving Pollard's technical legal mistake in failing to raise the issue on an appeal from his sentence instead of bringing the issue up later in a separate suit.

The question should simply be, did the government violate the plea agreement, as Pollard claims

I have always felt this procedure would be far more likely to succeed than the mass appeal for clemency directed to the president. But until now that was a matter of judgement on which reasonable minds could differ. Today, however, there can be no expectation that the president will simply let Pollard out; he has said he will not do it. It is time to change strategy. The continued hammering on the president for clemency is useless.

If the president will not allow Pollard to raise this issue, Congress might. Congress could easily enact a law allowing the courts to decide, despite Pollard's failure to raise the issue on appeal from his criminal case, whether the government violated the plea agreement.

This is the best chance for obtaining Pollard's release. Like the people with whom it deals, the government must, in Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes's felicitous phrase, "turn square corners." In Pollard's case, the government pretty clearly cut corners. Yet Pollard has been precluded from raising this issue. The solution suggested here offers justice to Pollard and removes the monkey from the president's back.

The writer is an attorney and editor of *Moment* magazine.

Child pornography scourge

THE pedophile scandal that has shaken Belgium to the core is so monstrous in its obscenity that it almost defies comment. Most of the fallout from the kidnappings and murders of Belgian children by an organized pedophile ring is clearly a domestic issue for the Belgian people and government. But the scandal has international ramifications and extremely serious lessons for the governments and judiciaries of most countries far beyond Belgium's borders.

Perhaps the most important lesson is that child pornography is no "issue" for debates between liberals and conservatives. Child pornography and sexual abuse of children are beyond the red lines of all human moral license and the proliferation of these criminal phenomena is a serious international concern.

There is no room for fuzzy liberalism here. The sexual revolution has made most Western countries more tolerant and less uptight about sexual relations between men and women, or between homosexuals and lesbians, but there is a point on the road where international law must erect a huge and impassable "stop" sign. That point is at the age mandated by a country's laws before which consensual sexual relations are forbidden. Sexual approaches of any sort by adults to children quite obviously are beyond the pale and the law. That said, it is hard to understand therefore why pornographic material featuring young people should even exist, let alone be as freely available as it apparently is.

There should be no First Amendment or free speech questions on this matter. No one has any "right" to produce or possess such material. There are indeed such valid issues as women's rights or gay rights or children's rights - even animal rights. There is no such issue as "pedophile rights" as a group of these perverts tried to establish in Britain some years ago before being broken up by police action driven by public outrage. Pedophiles and

child pornographers rank with terrorists as dangerous and potentially murderous criminals. There are only two courses of action for dealing with them - serious psychiatric treatment for those who are passive, serious jail sentences for those who are not.

The leniency granted to the child rapist Marc Dutroux who was released "for good behavior" after only three years of a 13-year sentence has rightly scandalized Belgium, but that country is by no means alone in confusing liberal justice with almost criminal judicial negligence. Even in Israel there have been too many cases of "slap on the wrist" sentences for child abusers as well as for women beaters.

The international community has been ludicrously slow to enact laws against sexual tourism which targets young people in such countries as Thailand, the Philippines or Brazil. It is clear that the citizen of any country who abuses children abroad should be subject to same force of law as if he did it in a street in his home town. The world has also been tardy in intervening in the explosion of Internet child pornography. Cyberspace is an ideal lurking ground for pedophile rings and several children have been enticed from their homes in the United States by perverts posing as other children. Again, a mistaken belief in the total freedom of the Net has impeded governments from policing and trapping the child pornographers.

No one should think cases such as the West's pedophile murders in England or the Dutroux scandal in Belgium could ever happen here. Police should watch closely the increasing number of sex-trade establishments appearing in Tel Aviv for example, catering mostly to the rapidly expanding foreign workers' community. Can anyone guarantee that it is not possible to find child pornography "under the counter" for the right price in such places? Better to find out right now, before it is too late.

Overruling the divide

MOSHE SHERER

THE wringing of hands has been so intense as to be almost audible. The strong showing by religious parties in the elections has elicited cries of dismay and anguish by Reform, Conservative and secular Jewish spokesmen, all railing against the "Orthodox monopoly" in the Holy Land.

Most galling to these proponents of "Jewish religious pluralism" is that the increased Orthodox presence in the Knesset will likely assure that matters of personal status - marriage, divorce, Jewish identity - will continue to be determined in Israel in accordance with the standards of classical Jewish religious law.

The likely reaffirmation of the state's official embrace of Orthodoxy, they despair, will foster further divisions among a Jewish people desperately in need of unity. The truth, however, is quite to the contrary: Genuine Jewish unity is promoted, not undermined, by Israel's adherence to Orthodox standards governing personal status; and it is cause for celebration, not consternation, that Israel's electorate has strengthened the hand of those who favor retention of the religious status quo.

CONSIDER THE most basic issue of Jewish identity. All Jews accept, and have accepted for thousands of years, that anyone born to a Jewish mother or who converts to Judaism in accordance with Jewish law is a Jew. In recent years, however, non-Orthodox groups have decided to expand the definition. Most notably, the Reform movement has unilaterally declared that anyone born to a Jewish father is a Jew, regardless of the mother's religious identity. Also, both the Reform and Conservative movements have loosened standards for conversion. As a result of these "innovations," countless thousands of people the world over are in a religious Twilight Zone: counted as Jews in certain segments of the Jewish community, but as Gentiles in others.

The bottom line, therefore, is that people who satisfy the Orthodox criteria for "Jewishness" are uni-

versally acknowledged as Jews. Beyond that historical standard of classical Jewish law lies controversy and disunity.

The same is true with respect to the issues of marriage and divorce. Jewish law imposes restrictions on whom a Jew may marry, and how a divorce is to be effectuated. But the Reform movement has done away with many of those restrictions. The upshot: a clear dichotomy between marriages and divorces performed pursuant to Orthodox standards,

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which are acceptable to all Jews, and those performed pursuant to Reform standards, which are acceptable only to some.

Faced with such pronounced differences within the Jewish community on the most fundamental issues of personal status, what path is available to the Jewish state that is most likely to promote unity? The path of "religious pluralism," whereby Israel would embrace standards that deviate from classical Jewish teaching and are flatly rejected by many Jews the world over? Or the historical path of Jewish law, whereby the state would adhere to the one set of standards over whose acceptability there is no controversy whatsoever? The answer was self-evident even at the very founding of the Jewish state to no less a secularist than David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister. In making his historic commitment to the Agudath Israel World Organization that the new state would look to classical Jewish law in determining matters of

personal status, Ben-Gurion wrote of the urgent need "to avoid the splitting of the Jewish people." The need is surely no less urgent today.

We Orthodox Jews are profoundly pained by the schimatizing of the Jewish population. We are, moreover, deeply saddened to hear ourselves blamed for Jewish disunity when we have done nothing but try to remain faithful to the collective Jewish heritage. Pointing an angry finger at the Orthodox as the instigators and perpetrators of division, we feel, is like blaming a faithful spouse for the breakup of a marriage. The fault lies with those who have strayed.

But we have hope. What is broken can be put together once again. Jews of all stripes are beginning to recognize that the greatest challenge facing Jews today is how to assure Jewish continuity - the survival of Jews in future generations - as a distinctive people with a distinctive heritage and a distinctive religious mission.

With that recognition, perhaps, will come reconciliation. For just as classical Judaism furnishes the one personal status standard around which all Jews can coalesce, so too does it furnish the one foundation on which Jewish continuity can be assured.

The writer, a rabbi, is president of Agudath Israel of America.

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- Theory Approach (1983)
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- The Care and Feeding of Stuffed Animals (1983)
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- Our Lady of the Potatoes (1995)
- Et Tu Royal Swazi Airlines? (1996)
- The Teach Your Chicken To Fly Training Manual (1982)
- Atlas of Tongue Coating (1983)
- Waterproofing Your Child (1981)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DRESS CODE

Sir, - The haredi community considers its dress code of such primary importance that it will even get hysterical in defending its rights. It cannot compromise its way of dressing. In its neighborhood of Mea She'arim, signs appear everywhere asking women to dress modestly when visiting or buying there.

Secular women must understand that they can look like beach-combers anywhere they want to, but they cannot provoke and insult haredim in their neighborhoods. If wom-

en don't care how they dress and have parking problems, they should demand that the ministry of education provide them with a parking lot and thus not have to walk down Slozain Street in Mea She'arim. Haredi Jews do not go to Jaffa Street and King George Street and tell women how to dress. It is intolerable that women come to haredi backyards and walk down their streets unsuitable clothed.

CHANA WEINER
Jerusalem.

MAIN THOROUGHFARE

Sir, - In his letter of August 2, the Bostoner Rebbe, Grand Rabbi Horowitz, compares the situation of a small Boston street to the situation of a main Jerusalem thoroughfare. As a former Bostonian and current resident of Jerusalem, I find the respected rabbi's analogy to be faulty.

The Boston street in question had always been closed to vehicular traffic and attempts to modify the existing condition were rejected. In contrast, Bar-Ilan Street has always been open to vehicular traffic and is not "a small street in the center of the city," but rather a major artery connecting and joining eastern and western sections of united Jerusalem. When Jerusalem was a divided city nearly 50 years ago, there was no through traffic from west to east. But in 1967, when the city was unified, barriers were removed, traffic flowed back and forth and a status quo was established. It is this status quo which should be left untouched. A main road serving much of the city's population should not be closed even for one day a week, as result of violent and threatening demonstrations. If authorities yield to this pressure on Bar-Ilan Street, where next will pressures be brought to bear?

The good rabbi closes his letter "[the] honor of our holy Shabbat [is] the glue that has held our people together." The Shabbat behavior of the residents of the Bar-Ilan area is causing that glue to become unstuck.

RABBI ABRAHAM CHILL
Jerusalem.

HONEY AND GENE STOLLMAN
Jerusalem.

THE 613 MITZVOT

In the area of Sabbath observance, there are work habits that are considered *avot* (primary) and *toldot* (secondary). These *toldot* may be represented by hundreds of similar work habits.

There are also commandments that are Torah mandated (*m'dorainah*) and there are those that are decreed by the rabbis (*m'durbanan*). Here again, there are multitudes of mitzvot that emanate from these two concepts.

All in all, when we discover a difference in the count of commandments as seen by Maimonides, Nachmanides and many others, it is not meant that in the view of one, the other's count is invalid. What is meant, is that each one of these authorities considers his calculations as the embodiment of the all-inclusive lifestyle of the Jew which, by tradition, is conceded to be 613 mitzvot.

As author of the book, *The Mitzvot*, a rationale of the commandments, I read with a great deal of interest the article by Rabbi Chinitz concerning the *taryag* (613) mitzvot which appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* on August 7. However, it is my studied opinion that Rabbi Chinitz's views could propagate a misconception.

The concept of *taryag mitzvot* was never intended to be fixed and set in cement with no pliability allowed. In fact, there is a very authoritative opinion that all the 613 commandments are incorporated and encompassed in the Ten Commandments.

What was intended was the pursuit of a canopy coverage of commandments that would encompass every facet of social, theological, agricultural and human modes of life. Everyone's individual and national phase of existence is encapsulated in this concept of *taryag mitzvot*.

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Sharansky plans reform of his ministry

DAVID HARRIS

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said last night he is planning widespread reforms, which will include cutbacks.

Sharansky wouldn't elaborate, but senior ministry sources said the changes under consideration include restructuring the key Investments Center, closing the four regional centers, privatizing certain functions, closing at least one department and moving others away from ministry control.

While stressing the ministry has an important role, Sharansky admitted it is far less powerful than it was 10 years ago. "It is still not small enough, there are still ways to diminish the interference of the state," he said. "There are some duplications that have to be removed; there are some units that don't work efficiently enough."

Sharansky refused to detail specific proposals or say how much smaller the ministry will be, both structurally and staff-wise. "For one who is only two months in office, and who has already started a serious review, it would be irresponsible for me to make remarks that will influence the fate and lives of many people," he said.

He dismissed former director-general Yosi Snir's forecast of a downsizing by up to 15 percent. "I'd like to check how much of this percentage he implemented in the two to three years he was here, with respect to him and what he did," said Sharansky.

Details of the reforms which have been disclosed by senior ministry sources include:

- *Widespread reforms within the Investments Center, such as replacing the 32 licensing procedures for investors with one central operation;
- *Merging the Center for Business Promotion into the Investments Center;
- *Closing the four regional districts, or transferring some of their functions to a national body;
- *Removing the Israeli Film Center from the ministry;
- *Closing the 'Israel Fibers' Institute;
- *Privatizing the National Physics Laboratory and the Weights, Measures, and Standards Division.

Gov't to sell Eliahu last stake in Union Bank

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Shlomo Eliahu group is in advanced negotiations to purchase the government's remaining 23.2 percent share in Union Bank, MI Holdings, the state company in charge of privatizing the banks, said yesterday.

There are a few issues, including price, which have not yet been settled. Union Bank's value has been estimated at \$190 million-\$210m. for the purpose of the transaction, said MI Holdings chairman Uzi Steinberg.

"I can not make any estimates as to when the transaction will be signed," he said, adding that the

recent experience with Bank Hapoalim, where a leading bidder pulled out of the tender just when the deal seemed sealed, "shows that nothing is final until it is signed."

MI Holdings had initially intended to issue its remaining holdings in the bank on the stock exchange in August on the basis of Union Bank's first quarter financial statements. In addition, Bank Leumi intended to sell its remaining 16.8% holding, increasing the total issue to 40%, but that offering was cancelled because of the

crisis on the capital market.

The Shlomo Eliahu group bought a controlling share of the bank from the government for \$85.5m. in June 1993.

Sources close to Eliahu claim the consortium is also interested in purchasing Bank Leumi's share in Union Bank. Eliahu could not be reached for comment.

Union Bank completed the first quarter with a net profit of NIS 17.1 million, compared to a net profit of NIS 18.3m. in the same period last year. At the end of March, the bank's shareholder capital reached NIS 569.1m.



Australian Treasurer Peter Costello leaves a news conference in Canberra yesterday to deliver the 1996/97 budget. He announced a A\$5.6 billion deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997. (Reuters)

Mercantile ordered to set aside NIS 30m. for bad debt

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Bank of Israel has instructed Mercantile Bank to set aside NIS 30 million in provision for doubtful debts in its financial statements for the first half of 1996. As a result, Mercantile is expected to report losses in its second quarter statements, which will be published next week.

A Mercantile Bank spokesman refused to comment. The Bank of Israel refused to confirm or deny the report.

According to *Globe*, the Bank of Israel has revealed alleged irregularities in Mercantile's branches in Nazareth and Elram. The bank allegedly extended tens of millions of shekels to trading firms Shlufa and Hashiva. The two groups' debts to the bank reportedly amount to NIS 75m. Both are engaged in the real estate and construction sector in the North and have worked with the bank for many years.

According to the central bank's findings, the groups received credit without appropriate collateral over several years. The central bank also revealed inadequacies in the bank's control system and credit division.

Africa Israel discusses Grofman's future

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Africa Israel holding company's board of directors held a lengthy meeting yesterday to discuss the future of the firm, including the fate of general manager Shlomo Grofman. At press time no decision was made on the issue.

Financial circles in Tel Aviv were rife with rumors that Grofman is expected to step down before Bank Leumi, the parent company, fires him. Among the names mentioned as his replacement is Moshe Weidman, Revlon general manager. An Africa Israel spokesman refused to comment.

On Monday, Africa Israel's employees and management published an advertisement in *Ha'aretz* in support of Grofman.

During the last few months, Leumi's board of directors and Grofman, who is also chairman of the Migdal insurance company, have disagreed on the method of selling Africa Israel, with

Grofman favoring selling the bank as one unit and Leumi contending it would get a higher price if Migdal is sold separately.

Earlier this week, directors at Leumi called on Africa Israel's board to call a general shareholders meeting to vote on the company's separation of activities into insurance, real estate and hotels.

The separation will include a spin-off of Migdal Insurance from Africa Israel, paving the way for Leumi's sale of 17% - 19% of the insurance firm to Assicurazioni Generali, Italy's largest insurer.

Leumi's directors say the bank must make sure it reduces its non-financial holdings to 25%, in accordance with the newly revised Banking Law. Leumi has asked the Treasury for a six-month extension of the December 31 deadline for the sale of its surplus non-banking assets, but the Treasury has not yet responded.

Gov't to encourage olim role in CIS trade

DAVID HARRIS

IMMIGRANTS from the former Soviet Union will be encouraged to play a major role in developing trade with their previous home, the Ministry of Industry and Trade said yesterday.

This will be one of the core means of increasing trade in the newly established former Soviet Union policy program, agreed at a top-level meeting on Monday. It was agreed that encouraging immigrants, who understand the market, to establish working relationships with the business community there will be of benefit to Israel.

Three key areas will be targeted, including short-term consumer goods, mid-term investment and technologies, and government-level contacts. The coordinating role for consumer products will be played by the Export Institute, which will guide small enterprise activities, with the sectors it covers possibly being increased.

The ministry said it is determined to swell the number of mid-term projects. The sectors which will be specifically promoted are communications, agro-technological equipment, and medical instru-

mentation and equipment. Teams of industrialists and civil servants will examine each of these areas with domestic companies, while looking for suitable partners in the former Soviet Union.

In conjunction with the World and European Development banks, the ministry will pass on tender details, it will also encourage industrial missions.

On the state level, the ministry reaffirmed its commitment to the joint economic committee set up with Russia last year. The group met for the first time in Moscow last June, and is scheduled to reconvene here early in 1997.

Israel's economic representatives in Moscow will begin pinpointing specific regions worth targeting. The ministry said it intends concluding negotiations with Russia on protection of bilateral investments. Exports to the countries of the former Soviet Union totalled \$364 million last year, \$240m. of which was to Russia. In the first six months this year, exports rose 19 percent to \$132m. from the same period last year.

Phones fully digital by year's end

JUDY SIEGEL

ALL phones in the Jerusalem region are now linked to digital telephone exchanges and, by the end of the year, Israel will be one of the few countries in the world - ahead of the US and Europe - with completely digitalized telecommunications.

Bezeq Director-General Yitzhak Kaul presided over a ceremony Monday night at the Talpotei telephone exchange building, where 20-year-old analog (mechanical) switching systems - whose clicking has been forever silenced - will soon be moved out and destroyed.

Bezeq officials explained that there is no market, even in developing countries, for analog phone exchanges, which are being replaced by digital computerized

devices. Silent digital equipment is much faster, more reliable and efficient, and able to provide a wide variety of new services, including itemized billing, call waiting, conference calls and routed calls. It soon also will be able to provide integrated services digital network (combining audio, video, text and other media on one line).

At the ceremony, attended by Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Kaul said increased efficiency due to digital systems would result in lower costs, which the company would pass on to customers.

Livnat, who praised Bezeq's

Jerusalem district director Zalman Kodan for making it the first district to be fully digitalized, said the "telecommunications revolution that is upon us will change our lives."

Bezeq switched to digital exchanges, ahead of most of the Western world, because it was in its own economic interest, as well as the consumer interests of subscribers. The public telecommunications company, Livnat said, "has a bright future ahead, it will continue to develop as it faces competition."

Digital exchanges take up only a fraction of the space of analog devices, and fewer workers are needed to supervise their functioning over advanced computer terminals.

First International profits down slightly

COMPANY RESULTS

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE First International Bank of Israel reported an 8.5 percent drop in net earnings for the first six months of the year to NIS 75.34 million from a NIS 82.33 net profit in the corresponding period last year.

Net profits for the second quarter of the year increased to NIS 39.48m. from NIS 39.35m. Net return on equity calculated on an annual basis reached 8.3%, compared to 8.7% during the whole of 1995.

At a board of directors meeting yesterday, the bank decided to issue deferred capital notes at a maximum value of NIS 200m. in order to raise capital to finance its activities.

The notes will be issued to institutions and businesses throughout the year. The bank also decided to distribute an interim cash dividend of NIS 27.6m., equivalent to 37% of the bank's profits in the first half of the year.

Management blamed the drop in earnings on an NIS 6.7m. adverse effect resulting from the taxation distortion created by the definition of foreign subsidiaries as a "long arm" of the bank, in accordance with the Supervisor of Banks' directive of 1995.

In the reported period, the differential between the "known" index and the index "for the month" contributed NIS 6.3m. to net earnings, compared with NIS 7.3m. in the same period of 1995.

Earnings from financing operations before provision for doubtful debts totaled NIS 347.4m. compared with NIS 351.3m. in the second half of 1995. The provision for doubtful debts fell 7.1% to NIS 28.8m. In the second quarter provisions for doubtful debts grew to NIS 20.35m. from NIS

customers' foreign currency activities.

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ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS					
Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (29.7.96)					
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS		
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.750	4.875	5.375		
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.125		
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.875	2.250		
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.000	1.125	1.500		
Yen (10 million yen)					
(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)					
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (20.8.96)					
Currency basket	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep.
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
U.S. dollar	3.5169	3.6720	—	—	3.5388
German mark	3.1271	3.1778	3.07	3.23	3.1480
French franc	2.0892	2.1351	2.06	2.17	2.1128
Japanese yen (100)	4.8315	4.9442	4.74	4.86	4.8443
Dutch florin	0.6142	0.6242	0.60	0.64	0.6183
Swiss franc	2.9899	2.9437	2.84	2.89	2.9164
Norwegian krone	1.8708	1.9110	1.84	1.93	1.8834
Swedish krona	2.5885	2.6233	2.54	2.67	2.6233
Danish krone	0.4732	0.4809	0.46	0.49	0.4788
Finnish mark	0.4983	0.4842	0.47	0.51	0.4884
Canadian dollar	0.8886	0.9099	0.88	0.95	0.8740
Australian dollar	2.2764	2.3122	2.28	2.35	2.2912
S. African rand	2.4890	2.4897	2.42	2.54	2.4781
Belgian franc (10)	0.8854	0.8985	0.84	0.88	0.8852
Austrian schilling (10)	1.0188	1.0353	1.00	1.05	1.0251
Italian lira (1000)	2.0605	2.0814	2.06	2.13	2.0277
Jordanian dinar	2.8832	2.8832	2.82	2.85	2.8516
Spanish peseta (100)	0.8900	0.9700	0.88	0.97	0.8925
Irish punt	5.0174	4.9170	4.93	5.17	5.0713
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4835	2.5238	2.44	2.56	2.4997
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German bankruptcies up

HAMBURG (Reuters) - Hermes Kreditversicherungs-AG Germany's biggest credit insurer, said yesterday it expects 25,000 company insolvencies during the current year.

It said this would represent a 15 percent rise in bankruptcies compared to the previous year.

On the European level, the outlook was worsening as well. Hermes said it expected a 6% increase in bankruptcies in Europe this year. In 1995, the number stagnated.

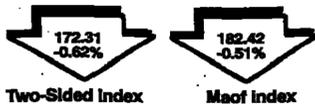
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Market down in 'crisis of confidence'

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



STOCK indexes fell for a second day as the shekel strengthened against the dollar. The Maof Index fell 0.51 percent to 182.42 and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.62% to 172.31.

Eurobourses close at highs in cautious trade

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses moved cautiously to close around their highs yesterday, slightly constrained by nerves over US and German interest rate policy.

Blue chips end higher as Fed holds rates steady

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks bounded higher yesterday as the Federal Reserve's decision to keep interest rates unchanged removed a possible roadblock to the market's continued rally.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

PARIS (Reuters) - The Paris bourse gained more than 30 points, quickly pushing the CAC-40 share index through the 2,000 barrier for the first time since August 8.

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 21.82 points at 5,721.26.

CURRENCY CROSS RATES

Table with columns: R, MARK, STERLING, YEN, SFR, FFY. Shows exchange rates for various currencies.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Large table of stock prices and changes, categorized by Multi-sided trading and Two-sided trading. Includes columns for Name, Price, Change, Volume, and % Change.

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Key Representative Rates table showing US dollar, Sterling, and Mark rates against NIS.

NY STOCK MARKETS table showing DJ Industrial, NYSE, and NASDAQ indices.

New York market indexes table showing various market performance metrics.

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Israeli stocks in NY table listing prices and changes for companies like Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim.

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US commodities table listing prices for various commodities like oil and wheat.

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SPORTS

Betar crashes out of Europe Visiting Mac. TA up against Turkish champs

BETAR Jerusalem's European campaign came to a quick end last night. Eli Cohen's men were unable to salvage their pride, let alone close the 5-1 deficit conceded in the first leg, as they fell to a 2-1 defeat in the extreme north of Norway against Bodø/Glimt.

cash-rich Champions' League beckoning for the victors. Unfortunately, Maccabi's preparations for tonight's match suffered an abrupt setback when the team's equipment was misdirected to Nairobi, Kenya by El Al. As a result, yesterday morning's training session had to be canceled.

ago. The Tel Avivians had the upper hand in that meeting but lacked firepower upfront. A second-half mistake by goalkeeper Alexander Obarov cost them the match. Turkish fans are not known for their hospitality and Maccabi is likely to face an extremely hostile reception from a crowded house of around 28,000 at Fenerbahce's compact stadium.

Two-goal McManaman sinks Arsenal

LONDON (Reuter) - Two second-half goals from Liverpool's Steve McManaman handed troubled Arsenal a 2-0 beating in a Premier League match on Monday. Liverpool endured a frustrating first hour as Arsenal defended solidly but in the 68th minute Steve Bould's attempt to block McManaman's weak left-footed shot only succeeded in leaving goalkeeper David Seaman flat-footed.

Liverpool had drawn its opening game of the season at Middlesbrough on Saturday 3-3 while Arsenal beat London neighbors West Ham 2-0. After Monday's result, bookmakers promoted Liverpool to 11-4 second favorites for the league title, ahead of Newcastle.

Boston rallies past Angels, 10-9

BOSTON (AP) - Reggie Jefferson hit a solo homer and Troy O'Leary had a two-run single in Boston's three-run sixth as the Red Sox came back to beat the California Angels 10-9 Monday night.

The teams combined for 31 hits and stranded 24 runners in a game that lasted three hours, 58 minutes. O'Leary drove in three runs and Mike Stanley and Jefferson each had two RBIs as the Red Sox posted their 14th win in 19 games.

two-run shot off Robb Nen, who finished for his 25th save. Gary Sheffield hit a two-run double and Luis Castillo had three hits for the visiting Marlins.

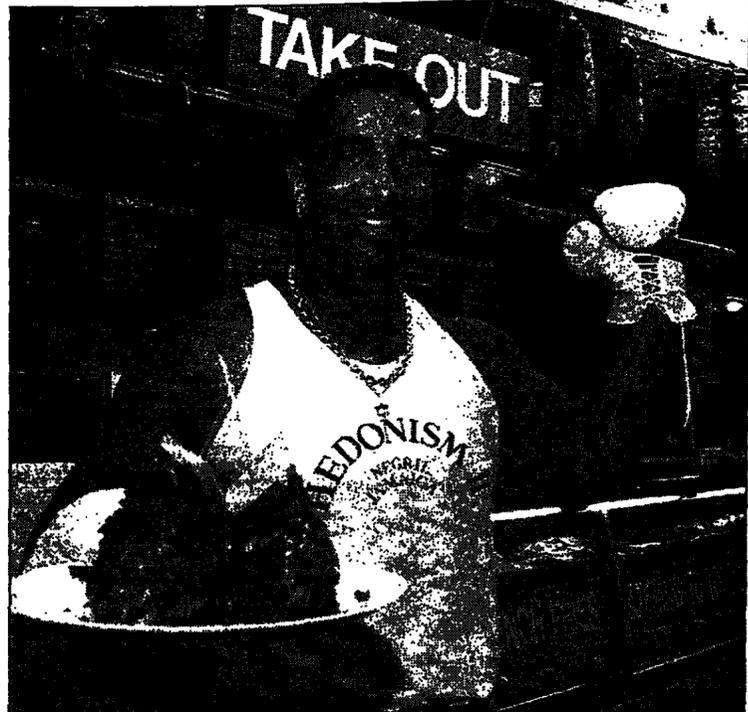
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After giving up three runs and falling behind 9-7 in the top of the sixth, the Red Sox regained the lead with three runs off reliever Greg Gohr (5-9) in the bottom of the inning. Kerry Lacy (1-0), the fourth of seven Boston pitchers, got the win in just his second appearance in a Red Sox uniform.

While Sox 12, Tigers 7. Ozzie Guillen and Danny Tartabull hit three-run homers in the ninth inning as Chicago sent its hosts to their eighth straight loss.

Monday's AL Results: Chicago 12, Detroit 7; Texas 10, Cleveland 3; New York 10, Seattle 4; Toronto 2, Kansas City 1; Milwaukee 6, Minnesota 1; Boston 10, California 9.

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HAMMERING OUT THE DETAILS - Boxer Tim Puller, nicknamed "The Hebrew Hammer" serves up a corned beef on rye at the 57th St. Carnegie Deli. Puller was scheduled to take on undefeated heavyweight Lou Savarese at Madison Square Garden last night.

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In the qualifying rounds, Welgreen surpassed expectations by knocking out two prominent players. He beat American Jared Palmer, ranked 160, 6-4, 6-2 and then dismissed 26-year-old Diego Nargiso from Italy 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 in the last round to reach the main draw. Top seed Michael Chang handily beat unseeded David Prinosil of Germany 6-1, 6-3. Chang, ranked third in the world, needed only 68 minutes to eliminate Prinosil, ranked 64th. Chang opened a 3-0 lead and closed the match by taking the last four games. "It was a good match for me and it felt good playing on Monday for a change," Chang said. "My schedule was planned this way to give me a rest before the Hamlet and let me get some good matches and go right into the US Open [on Monday, August 26]." Chang said planned rests during the ATP hard court circuit had been successful. He won 14 successive matches, taking titles in Washington and Los Angeles before losing a final in Cincinnati to Andre Agassi last week. A pair of players from Morocco, Younes El Aynaoui, the sixth seed, and Hicham Arazi, unseeded, posted first-round victories. El Aynaoui, top-ranked in his home country for the past six years, beat Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador 6-4, 6-3. Arazi, a slightly built lefthander who is playing his first year on the ATP Tour, upset eighth-seeded Magnus Larsson of Sweden, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. 'Sussex player banned for cocaine use', 'LONDON (Reuter) - English cricketer Ed Giddins was suspended from the first-class game until the start of the 1998 season yesterday after being found guilty of taking cocaine. The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) said it had barred the 25-year-old Sussex fast bowler from playing any match under its jurisdiction until April 1, 1998. The TCCB found him guilty on three charges: that he had a prohibitive substance in a urine sample, that he knowingly used a prohibitive substance and that he behaved in a manner which may bring the game into disrepute. The ban takes immediate effect. Giddins has 14 days to appeal. Giddins, who toured Pakistan with England A last winter, tested positive for an illegal substance after a county match against Kent in May. A second test also proved positive. His case went to a hearing which was adjourned on Monday after more than four hours of heated testimony. The only known previous case of an English cricketer testing positive was Yorkshire bowler Richard Stemp. The TCCB accepted Stemp's explanation that his drink had been spiked. But the board committee rejected Giddins's claim that he had taken the drug inadvertently, although it accepted there was no evidence Giddins had taken the drug more than once. "Cricket, its players and administrators, would not tolerate in its ranks those who indulge in the use of a prohibited drug. The committee was sure the public would demand nothing less," the TCCB said. 'Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor'

Handwritten text at the bottom of the page: 'האזנה מאלו' (Listening from there)

Lebanese who captured reported Mossad agent now held in Israel

THE Supreme Court has upheld the administrative detention of four Lebanese citizens captured by the army in South Lebanon, in a decision made six weeks ago but released for publication only yesterday.

The four were arrested by the army on February 22 because of their involvement in kidnapping another Lebanese civilian.

According to *US News and World Report*, the kidnapped man was of Palestinian origin and was working for the Mossad. His abductors reportedly handed him over to the Syrians.

Publication about the detention of the four Lebanese was permitted at the request of *Yediot Achronot*.

The four were held in Lebanon until March 17, when they were brought to Israel and put in administrative detention in Ashmoret Prison for six months, at the instruction of then premier and defense minister Shimon Peres, the report said. The men appealed their detention to the Tel Aviv District Court, and afterwards to the Supreme Court.

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The Lebanese argued that they were not a danger to the state, and therefore there was no basis for their detention. However, both District Court deputy president Itamar Pilpel and Supreme Court Justice Gavriel Bach accepted the state's argument that the men were, at the very least, an indirect danger, since it would cause great damage to the army's position in Lebanon if four men widely known to have cooperated with Israel's enemies were allowed to roam free.

According to previous Supreme Court rulings, a person who is indirectly dangerous can be put in administrative detention just like someone who constitutes a direct threat to state security.

The question of how long someone can be kept in detention when there is no possibility of putting him on trial is a thorny one, Bach admitted. However, he said, the law requires a district court president to review the detentions every three months and decide whether their contin-

ued detention is necessary to state security.

Bach said he had doubts about the detention of only one of the four: a man who initially refused to cooperate with the kidnapers, and acquiesced later due to heavy threats against his family. However, he said, classified information eventually convinced him that this detention, too, should be upheld.

Bach also rejected several procedural arguments raised by the prisoners. The Lebanese had argued that they should have been brought before a judge within 48 hours of being captured. They also charged that the defense minister was not allowed to sign their detention order three days before they arrived in Israel, but that since he did, they should at least have been brought before a judge within 48 hours of when the order was signed.

However, Bach noted that the law requires the detainee to be brought before a judge only within 48 hours of actually being arrested on the basis of a legal detention order.

Ben-Yair opens way for Kahalani, Mazor, to resolve appointment issue

AN opinion given by Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair earlier this week on the controversy surrounding the appointment of a new head of the police investigations department, appears to have set the stage for a resolution of the controversy.

The compromise will likely involve the postponement by a month or two of the appointment of Cmdr. Sando Mazor, allowing Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to save face, and giving Mazor the opportunity to back down from his threat to challenge the minister in the High Court of Justice.

Yesterday, sources close to both Kahalani and Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz indicated they believed the controversy would soon be resolved.

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Ben-Yair, at the request of Kahalani and Hefetz, sent the two letters earlier this week that indicated Kahalani would have a difficult time if his decision to postpone the appointment was challenged in the High Court.

Publicly, Kahalani has only spoken of wanting to postpone the appointment, slated to take effect on September 1, on grounds the time was not right now because of several sensitive investigations that are underway.

But sources close to the minister have said he intended to appoint someone of his own choice to replace the present Investigations Department head, Cmdr. Yossi

Levy, as part of a larger shake-up. Hefetz, who had originally recommended Mazor for the post, and Kahalani, are strongly at odds on the issue.

The original appointment was made about six months ago, with the approval of former internal security minister Moshe Shahal. Its implementation was put off to coincide with Levy's retirement.

Sources close to Hefetz said the inspector-general saw Ben-Yair's letter as a victory, and believed it would set the stage for the controversy to be resolved.

Sources close to the minister said the letter was not as one-sided as it was portrayed in the media, and that Kahalani, if he wanted, could still go ahead with his decision to put off the appointment.



Police stand guard as Jerusalem municipal workers demolish an eastern Jerusalem home built without a permit. (Khaled Zighari/AP)

E. Jerusalem homes built without permits demolished

INTERIOR Ministry demolition crews tore down two homes built without permits in the Ras Al-Amud neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem yesterday, as police stood guard to prevent disturbances by local residents.

The demolitions followed a similar action last week by the city, which tore down two illegally built structures in the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Issawiya.

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On Sunday, the municipality issued a work stoppage order against the Coptic Church for an addition it was building without a permit in the Old City. If the church does not halt the work, the city may try to obtain a demolition order.

Sources that deal with illegal construction in eastern Jerusalem said the recent incidents were in line with long-standing policy and did not represent the start of any sort of crackdown.

One of the homes demolished in Ras Al-Amud had been completely built, while the other was still without a roof, according to the sources. The owners in both cases were warned several times that the construction was illegal, and the buildings faced demolition, the sources said.

Itim adds: In a related development, the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday issued a work stoppage order

against the Coptic Church for construction work it is carrying out near the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on land disputed by Abed Salaam Hirbawi.

When Hirbawi turned to the court two months ago, he was kidnapped by the Palestinian police and taken to Ramallah for questioning. Israel obtained his release and he has refused to succumb to threats to withdraw his appeal for a court order.

The court also ordered Hirbawi to refrain from entering the disputed area.

Interior Committee: Threat of long-range Katyushas must be addressed

DAVID RUDGE

THE Knesset Interior Committee called on the government to treat the reported threat of Hizbullah's long-range Katyusha rocket capability seriously.

The call was made during a visit by members of the committee, led by chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor), to Karmiel yesterday, where they met with local council heads and mayors.

The committee members urged the government to assist northern communities in taking appropriate measures to cope with the reported threat.

They also expressed grave concern over the absence of public bomb shelters and other protective measures in Arab, Druze and Circassian villages, as well as in confrontation line communities.

Tarif, himself from Julis village in the Galilee, said that most of the non-Jewish communities in the North also lacked serviceable sirens

alarms and emergency stores.

Karmiel mayor Adi Eldar, who hosted the meeting, said he had suggested that the government pass a law which would enable a state of war emergency to be declared for specific areas.

"At the moment such a declaration can only be made on a nationwide basis whereas, in my opinion, Operation Grapes of Wrath, showed the need to pinpoint states of emergency," Eldar said.

He said that his proposal, which the MKs promised to raise with the government, would enable assistance to be channeled to affected areas in times of limited war or military operations.

Though Karmiel has sufficient public bomb shelters, Eldar has sent letters to all householders asking them to check the state of the shelters in their buildings and ensure the shelters are clean and serviceable.

Pirate haredi radio closed down

THE security officer and council member of Telshe Stone outside Jerusalem was arrested yesterday for allegedly owning a haredi pirate radio station operating from the area, the Communications Ministry said yesterday.

Yehuda Mintz was brought in for investigation by police who accompanied ministry inspectors looking into complaints about interference with radio and TV broadcasts in the Jerusalem, central and Sharon regions. *Judy Siegel*

Court extends Hamas leader's remand

Petah Tikva Magistrates' Court yesterday extended the remand of murder suspect Said Badarna, 25, a key Hamas figure, by 15 days. Badarna, who also has been charged with planning the 1994 Hadera bus bombing, is suspected of murdering his cellmate at the Sharon Prison last week. *Itim*

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